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SUBJECT: GATT PANELS ON DISC AND RELATED TAX PRACTICES

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1. DR. ALFRED PHILIPP, BORN 1922, WAS APPOINTED TO THE RANK OF MINISTERIALRAT IN 1967. THIS IS SECOND MOST RANKING GRADE IN AUSTRIA'S CAREER CIVIL SERVICE, ROUGHLY COMPARABLE TO THAT OF AN OFFICE DIRECTOR. HE HEADS UP DEPARTMENT 8 OF SECTION IIA IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE, WHICH IN TURN IS DIRECTED BY SEKTIONSCHEF DR. ALFRED TWAROCH. SECTION IIA DEALS WITH DIRECT TAXES, TRANSPORT AND TRANSACTION TAXES AND FEES. DEPARTMENT 8, OF WHICH PHILIPP IS CHIEF, DEALS WITH BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL TAX LEGISLATION MATTERS, DOUBLE TAXATION, LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN BILATERAL TAX MATTERS, INTERNATIONAL TAX COMPARISONS AND TAX STATISTICS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE FREQUENTLY SERVES AS AUSTRIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETINGS, E.G., OECD WORKING PARTY II.

2. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE NOT HAD OCCASION TO DEAL PERSONALLY WITH PHILIPP IN RECENT YEARS. HOWEVER, HE HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING AN EXTREMELY ABLE OFFICIAL, WITH BROAD AND THOROUGH PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND. HE IS CONSIDERED A VERY TOUGH NEGOTIATOR, AND IS DESCRIBED AS A RATHER RESERVED AND COLD INDIVIDUAL. HE IS REPORTEDLY FLUENT IN SEVERAL LANGUAGES, INCLUDING ENGLISH. MOWINCKEL

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